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FOLSOM MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that David Oliver Adams, Jr., 26, of Folsom, California, pleaded guilty today to distributing images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on two occasions, and possessing such images on his computer hard drive. Adams entered his guilty pleas this afternoon before United States District Court Judge David F. Levi.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Sacramento, Baltimore, and Chicago.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, Adams admitted that he posted video files on Yahoo Group Internet sites on August 24, and again on October 30, 2003, he posted on Yahoo Group Internet sites, video files which contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The videos were received by Baltimore and Chicago-based FBI special agents who were investigating the trafficking of child pornography on Yahoo Group Internet sites. During a search of Adams' residence on February 11, 2004, Sacramento FBI agents seized computer equipment belonging to Adams. Adams' computer hard drives were found to contain more than 600 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Adams acknowledged being the moderator of several Yahoo Groups that posted photographs, video clips, stories, and conversations relating to the sexual exploitation of children. For each distribution count, Adams faces a maximum penalty under federal law of imprisonment for 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, supervised release for life, and a \$100 statutory assessment for each count. The distribution counts also each carry a 5-year mandatory minimum sentence for each of the 2 counts of conviction. The maximum penalty for the possession of child pornography counts is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a possible life term of supervised release, and a statutory assessment of \$100.

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